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**Newsletter of the Secaucus Public Library and Business Resource Center** 

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#### **Library Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Upcoming Holiday Closings

Columbus Day
October 11
Election Day
November 2
Veterans Day
November 11
Thanksgiving
November 25 & 26

#### What's New at the Library?

## Self-Printing to Be Available by End of the Year



In the next few months, patrons will no longer need to go to the desk to retrieve their printouts. The

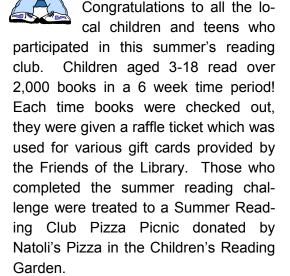
library will be installing self-service kiosks.

When patrons print from a library computer, they will be able to pay and retrieve the prints themselves. When you press print from any library computer, a pop-up will come on the screen alerting to how many pages are going to be printed and the associated cost. Patrons can then proceed to the self-service kiosk, enter their library card number and their print job will appear. Patrons will then pay for their job and it will be released from the printer.

The benefits of having this system are great.

- Only prints that really need to be printed will be printed. Everyday, there are print outs that never are picked up and paid. This is a huge waste.
- Privacy
- Color printing will be available
- Need to reprint? Come back within the same day and your job will be available to print again without even logging into a computer.

## Summer Reading Club for Kids



## 13th Annual Friends of the Library Mini-Fair was a SUCCESS!

The 13th Annual Friends of the Library Mini-Fair and Book Sale was a great success thanks to the support of the community. The beautiful day was highlighted with our huge used book sale, fun raffle baskets, great vendors, delicious food, Wii gaming, the fire truck, Batmobile, jump castle and so much more! Three lucky winners won a combined total of over \$3,000 from the fair-share raffle!!!

The money raised from the day will be used to continue our digital preservation project and to support cultural and educational programming at the library.



## Tech Bytes

## Do You Have a Library Card?

Every Secaucus resident is eligible for a library card. To obtain a card, all we need is two valid/current proofs of residency. One must be a photo ID. *PO Boxes will not be accepted.* 

- Driver's license or nondriver ID
- Deed, mortgage, lease or rental agreement
- Tax, water, PSE&G, cable or phone bill

Children may have cards, however parents/guardians must sign the application and will be responsible for the child's account.

## Are You Connected?

Learn about all of the great programs, services and events happening at the library!

- Visit the library's website http://secaucus.bccls.org
- Find us on Facebook and Twitter
- Join our listserv by adding your email address to your account the next time you visit.

## **Computers and Technology**

#### Checkout eBooks from ListenNJNW

We are very excited to let you know that BCCLS now offers the ability for patrons to download and checkout eBooks. These free eBooks can be downloaded to your personal computer and eBooks readers such as B&N's Nook and the Sony eBook reader. The collection is still



small but growing everyday. Please note, that many of the eBooks are on waiting lists and may take several weeks for them to be available.

To access the ListenNJNW website, please visit <a href="http://listennjnw.org">http://listennjnw.org</a>. To login to the service, choose Bergen County Cooperative Library System and type in your 14 digit library card number. Additional help and tutorials are available on the ListenNJNW website. You may need to download additional free software available from the site in order to transfer files to your mobile eBook reader from your computer.

#### Sign up for a PIN and Give Us Your Email

When you have a PIN (Personal Identification Number), you can check your library account online at any time. With a PIN you can renew items from home, check requested and hold item status, and see any fines on your account. To get a PIN, ask anyone at the front desk the next time you visit. To use your PIN, log on to the Secaucus Public Library's webpage <a href="http://secaucus.bccls.org">http://secaucus.bccls.org</a> and click on "Log In to Your Account" located at the top of each page.

If you have an email account, please let us know! Giving us your email gives you the ability to be reminded when items are going to be due and will help you avoid costly late fees. Also, you can be sent an email when your requested item arrives at the library.

Need more reasons to give us your email?

- Instant notification when items arrive for you from other libraries.
- Receive a two-day warning when items will be due avoid the fines!!!
- Email notice when items are overdue/late.
- Join our listsery automatically and learn about upcoming events.
- Save the library postage. When we need to mail an overdue notice to you, that is less money we have to spend on great new books, DVDs, CDs, programs and more. Also it's eco-friendly!

## **Concerts at the Library**

#### Phyllis Lynd Sings Broadway Sunday, October 17 @ 2:00 pm

Join us for a concert featuring soprano, Phyllis Lynd as she sings Broadway favorites. Her career has included her own radio show, television appearances and in concert halls in the United States.

#### Blues Concert with The Frost Kings Sunday, November 14 @ 2:00 pm

Get ready for some "icy cold blues" with the Frost Kings! This group plays Blues, Swing and R&B favorites. A fun afternoon, that's not to be missed!



#### Flutesweet and Tickletoon's Holiday Show for Kids Sunday, December 12 @ 2:00 pm

Back for a second show, join
Flute Sweet and Tickletoon as
they explore the joy of the
holiday season. Enjoy self
composed music that celebrates all the holidays of the season and how they are special to
everyone. For all children and
their caregivers.

### **Book Groups and Clubs**



#### **Book Discussion Groups**

We invite readers to meet informally to discuss a different book each month. The library will supply the copies of the selected book. Ask at the front desk for the current title.

Afternoon Book Group

2nd Monday of the month 1:00 pm

#### **Evening Book Group**

3rd Thursday of the month 7:00 pm



#### **Needleworkers Roundtable**

Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidering, quilting, and needlepoint projects!
Enjoy good conversation and share your work. 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 pm

#### **Photography Club**

This group focuses on the art of photography. Whether you are experienced or novice, all are welcome to participate. Bring work to class.

4th Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm

#### Tuesday Movies

#### Tuesdays @ 1 pm

Join us each Tuesday for a new movie in the Panasonic meeting room. Refreshments will be served. Check our website or local papers for the month's upcoming films.



## **Programs for Adults**

#### Fall Book Swap Saturday, October 16 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bring in your gently used books, movies, and CDs and swap them for something new! For every item you bring to the swap, you will be able to choose a different book, movie or CD. We invite all adults and children to participate in this fun event.

#### Wendy's Get Together Wednesday, October 20 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us at Wendy's on Meadowlands Parkway for dinner and support the library at the same time. A portion of all sales from that evening will be donated to the library and will benefit children's programs. Doesn't that sound like a delicious idea?

#### Starting & Managing Your Own Business Thursday, October 21 @ 6:30

Learn how to start and manage you own small business. The experts from SCORE will show you how to perform efficient market research, find available funding, prepare and follow a business plan, navigate legal forms, find new customers, increase profits and control cash flow. Program sponsored by PNC Bank.

#### Bollywood Bash Dance Class Mondays, Oct. 25 – Nov. 15 7 pm

Back by popular demand!

Bollywood dance is the latest craze in the dance world! This program will combine a thorough aerobic workout with this exhilarating dance style. No experience necessary.

#### Timeline NJ Wednesday, Oct. 27 @ 7 pm

A lecture and visual presentation with a unique perspective on New Jersey's history! Travel on a timeline from the primeval dawn of the Highlands into the Ice Age. Meet New Jersey's first people and explorers; take pride in our Colonial and Revolutionary history and celebrate the events and "Firsts" that make New Jersey special! Presented by renowned photographer and lecturer Walter Choroszewski.

#### Author Joe Del Priore Thursday, Oct. 28 @ 7 pm

See what inspires this prolific author of the short story collection "Twilight People." Joe's essays, poems, short stories, profiles, reportage and reviews have been published in The Hudson Current, Village Voice, Bergen Record, NY Times, and much more.

#### Indian Cooking Class Tues., Nov. 16 @ 7 pm

Join us for a workshop where you will learn how to make some of the most popular dishes in Indian cuisine. All materials and ingredients will be provided. Space is limited, registration is required.

## Supersize Your Memory Thurs, Nov. 18 @ 7 pm

Never forget where you left your keys ever again! Improve your memory with a simple technique (Loci System) that can help you recall names, places, test questions and more! A great skill for all ages.

Presented by Mark Zacharia.

## Always check out our website

secaucus.bccls.org

for added events and programs!







### Programs and Events for Children



#### Bollywood Dance for Kids Wednesdays in November @ 4:00 pm Ages 5 and up

Learn how to Bollywood dance! It's the energetic and exciting new dance style from India that's tons of fun for all.

No experience necessary.





An interactive program for babies and their caregivers with rhymes, songs, instruments, puppets and more! **Registration is required.** 

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#### Legal Eyes of the Wild

Thursday, November 4 @ 11:00 am Ages 5 and up, please register

Join us for a fun and exciting live animal show! Learn all about

how they live, what they eat and what they need to do to survive in the wild.

#### Rhyme Time

1:30- 2:15 pm, Wednesday and Thursday Ages 2 1/2 - 3 years

A program for children and their caregivers that brings together stories, music, creativity, and socialization skills.

Space is limited and registration is required.

#### Mad Science Halloween

October 28 @ 1:30 pm

Ages 5 and up

Scare up some fun at a Halloween science show!

Coming in your costume is encouraged!



#### **Extended Story Hour**

9:15-11:00 am, Mon. & Wed. - Tues. & Thurs. Ages 3 - 3 1/2

The purpose of the Extended Story Hour program is to introduce children to the wonderful world of libraries. This program will help children develop good listening, social, and motor skills, gain separation from their caregivers, and interact with their peers.

Space is limited and registration is required.

### Muscle Man Mike and Soccer Sue The Healthiest Show on Earth Wednesday, December 1 @ 3:30 pm Ages 5 and up



Get ready to get
healthy with Muscle
Man Mike and his
puppet pal Soccer Sue.
They will show you how
to eat right and exercise
to be fit and healthy!

#### **Magic Show**

### Tuesday, December 7 @ 3:30 pm Ages 4 and up

Join us for own annual holiday magic show featuring the amazing "Justin Style" Sleight of Hand Magician.

Program sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Secaucus.



## December is Children's Art Month

Get your pens, pencils, paints, and imagination ready! All Secaucus children are welcome to display their art at the library throughout the month of December in the Panasonic Meeting Room.

All types of art are welcome

paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, Crafts, etc.

Prizes awarded in each grade Category: Pre-K & K, 1-3rd, 4-6th, 7-9th, and 10-12th

Artwork will be on display from December 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring artwork beginning on **Wednesday**, **December 1st**. All pictures and photos must be framed or mounted before being brought to the library. Put name, grade, and phone number on the back of each piece.

Artist reception is Friday, January 7th at 7 pm

Children's Art Month is sponsored by the Friends of the Library

### Free Museum Admission for Families

The library now offers family passes to the

American Museum of Natural History, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, The Guggenheim and Brooklyn Museum for Secaucus residents.

#### **Visit for FREE!**

- The pass is available through first come, first served reservations.
- You must be at least 18 years old and hold a Secaucus Library card in good standing in order to use the pass.
- Deposits are required.
- For more information, contact the office of the Director

Donated by the Friends of the Secaucus Library

### What's New?





#### Have you listened to a good book lately?

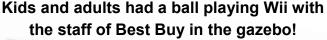
The library has a large collection of audiobooks on CD available for checkout. In addition, Playaways, although not available at the Secaucus Public Library, can be loaned from other BCCLS libraries. These mini devices come pre-loaded with an audiobook. Playaways are great for those who want the convenience of a small device, but do not have a MP3 player or iPod.

In addition to these options, you also have access to downloadable audiobooks from ListenNJNW. Audiobooks downloaded from ListenNJNW can be played on your computer or MAC, iPod and MP3 player. Some audiobooks can even be burned to a CD for listening in your car! To start using downloadable audiobooks, go to <a href="www.listennjnw.org">www.listennjnw.org</a> and log in to "my account" choose Bergen County Cooperative Library System as the library and enter your 14 digit library card number. For more information and assistance, there are tutorials available on the ListenNJNW website.

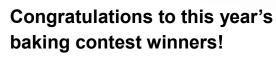
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Thank you everyone for your support! It truly was a great day for all.







The judges had a difficult time deciding on what was the best this year. It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it!





## Literacy Link by Louise Rittberg, Literacy Coordinator

#### Read - Listen - Learn

The Literacy Section provides essential materials for those wishing to improve their reading skills and comprehension and their grammar and writing skills, as well as for those for whom English is not their first language. This area now has a new look, and you're invited to visit and see what's been added! You'll see some totally new materials, as well as some favorites that have been updated to meet the demands of today's technology.

An exciting new addition to this section is several series of "level" reading books, some accompanied by CDs. From "starter" books with a 250-word vocabulary, to "level 4" books with a 1,400-word vocabulary—there is a book to meet your present reading skills and to help you move forward to the next level. The books include classic novels in abridged form and "Fact Files" that focus on a particular issue or country. The materials will keep you interested and informed as they help you improve your reading skills and comprehension and increase your knowledge of English. READ—LISTEN—LEARN.

In the Literacy Section, dictionaries are not just for looking up a word's meaning and use. With the "new" Oxford Picture Dictionary, you not only see a picture with its name, you get a detailed description that is enhanced with pronunciation from the accompanying CD sets. The entire dictionary section has been upgraded with the following editions added: Student Dictionaries, Dictionaries for Students of English, Advanced Learning Dictionaries, Learner's Thesaurus, Oxford Essential Dictionaries, Oxford Collocations and Dictionaries of American English – each of which is backed-up by a CD-ROM in the back of the book. READ—LISTEN—LEARN.

All materials in the Citizenship Section have been updated. The *Literacy, Civics and Literacy* and *Ready for the Interview* citizenship books are all reinforced for learning with CDs. There also are three Citizenship Kits that contain all the information you will need to complete the process to become a citizen, including flashcards that have the questions you'll be asked on one side and the answers on the other.

There are many tools for learning in the Literacy Section. Visit the library and "check them out"—literally and physically!

#### Contact Us

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#### **Board of Trustees' Meeting**

Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7:00 pm Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm

#### Artist of the Month

September Mark Santos
October Joe Pepe
November TBA

Please view their work in the Panasonic Meeting Room.

## Visit Our Website http://secaucus.bccls.org

Find a wealth of information on our website. Use the online catalog, check your card, view upcoming programs and events, reference resources, register for programs, log on to our databases, find homework help links for children and teens, and much more!

New events and features are being added all the time so check our site often!